

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)**

**Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2005**

Members Attending

Robert LoBue
Nick Hill
David Roberts
Ken Chipchase
Ron Matik
Doug Carman
James Sherwood
Etienne Rabe
Kevin Severns
Brett Kirkpatrick

CDFA Representatives

Gary Manning
Steve Patton
Vic Tolomeo
Jeff Cesca
Susan Shelton

Interested Parties

Jim Sebesta, Sunkist
Bob Blakely, CCM
Sam Vorhees, Kern County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Dennis Plann, Fresno County
Don Borges, TCAC
Jim Sebesta, Sunkist
Jack Marks, Kern County
Bill Martinet, Sunkist

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. Gary Manning called role and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

All those in attendance introduced themselves, stating their names and their position on the committee and/or their organizations.

ITEM 3: OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE'S DUTIES AND FUNCTION

Gary Manning explained that the duty of this committee is to advise the Secretary on all matters pertaining to the implementation of the California Citrus Program.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Brett Kirkpatrick stated that there was a typographical error on page three of the meeting minutes. Ron Matik's name was misspelled. He asked that this be updated.

MOTION: Brett Kirkpatrick moved to accept the September 14, 2005 meeting minutes as amended. Ron Matik seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Gary Manning gave each committee member a copy of the CCAC Procedures. He explained that he:

- Added the sentence "The four members added to the committee will be two (2) year terms." (Section 1.8)
- Changed a quorum to 2/3 of the committee membership. (Section 2.6)
- Added lemons and mandarins to all applicable areas.

There are now two lemon producers that are serving on the committee, who both were appointed to two-year terms. Gary suggested that one change to a one-year term so that term expirations would be staggered. He also stated that this would have to be added to the committee procedures. Doug Carman volunteered to change his current term to a one-year appointment.

MOTION: Nick Hill moved to accept the amended CCAC procedures as presented by Gary Manning once the addition of the staggered term for the lemon producers was added. Kevin Severns seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: REVIEW OF LEGAL OPINION ON CITRUS FUNDS AND REGULATION

Gary Manning reported that he inquired with the CDFA Legal Department regarding regulations. Previously, the orange crop assessment was placed into regulation; however, the Navel & Valencia inspection assessment was not. Now that the legislation has combined these assessments, the Legal Department has advised that regulations be enacted.

Gary explained that CDFA would endeavor to enact an emergency regulation. This will shorten the Office of Emergency Law's (OAL) review period to ten days. Within three months a full regulation package must be submitted to OAL in order to make the regulation permanent.

ITEM 7: 2005/06 BUDGET APPROVAL

A. ORANGE CROP

Vic Tolomeo stated that funds from the orange crop assessments pay for an early season objective measurement forecast (OM) each year. Every two to three years a citrus acreage survey is completed. Vic explained that the best

time to begin an OM for lemons and/or mandarins would be in October with a publish date sometime in June.

Jeff Cesca gave each committee member a copy of the Citrus Survey Program Fund Condition Statement. This budget would change the orange crop assessment to the citrus assessment, thus including lemon and mandarin assessments to pay for the upcoming OM. The fund condition outlined balances and estimated revenues starting with FY 2005/06 and ending with 2008/09.

It was proposed that the lemon mil assessment be set at 1 mil (\$.001) and the mandarin assessment be set at 4 mils (\$.004). A discussion ensued regarding the mandarin assessment and if it was too high. It was decided that the mil assessment would be set as suggested; however, the funds would be tracked and the assessment would be re-assessed at a later time.

MOTION: Ron Matik moved to accept the mil assessment of 1 mil for lemons and 4 mils for mandarins as suggested by the Agricultural Statistics Branch. Brett Kirkpatrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 8: HYDROMETER ISSUES

Gary Manning reported that through State and County testing, many of the new hydrometers sold by Fruit Growers Supply have failed to meet the State standard for accuracy. These hydrometers are easily identified as the temperature scale correction shows a plus 1.0 instead of the acceptable 0.8 reading. These hydrometers are not being allowed for official testing.

ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

The committee discussed appointments for the CCAC Chair and Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Ron Matik moved to nominate and appoint David Roberts as CCAC Chairman. James Sherwood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Nick Hill moved to nominate and appoint Brett Kirkpatrick as CCAC Vice-Chairman. James Sherwood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be December 5, 2005 in Tulare, CA at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Tulare Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gary Manning, Program Supervisor
Inspection and Compliance Branch
Inspection Services

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